IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

THE CASE OF

The Rev. EDWARD TYMEWELL BRYDGES, Clerk;

Claiming the TITLE and DIGNITY of

BARON CHANDOS, of SUDELEY.

PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS on the 5th Day of MAY, 1790.

References to the Proofs in the Appendix.

GENERAL PEDIGREE. Appendix No. 1.

THE Claimant derives his Title to the said Honour as Heir Male of the Body of Sir *John Brydges*, who was created Baron *Chandos* of *Sudeley*, by Letters Patent bearing Date the 8th of *April* 1554.

No. 2. Her late Majesty Queen *Mary*, by Letters Patent bearing Date the 8th Day of *April*, in the first Year of her Reign, granted to Sir *John Brydges*, Knight, the Title and Dignity of Baron *Chandos*, of *Sudeley*, To hold to him and the Heirs Male of his Body for ever.

No. 3. The said *John* First Lord *Chandos*, had Three Sons; namely, *Edmund*, his Eldest Son, *Charles*, his Second Son, and *Anthony*, his Third Son, and likewise other Younger Sons. The said *John*, First Lord *Chandos*, was succeeded in his said Title and Honour by the said *Edmund*, his Eldest Son. The said *Edmund*, Second Lord *Chandos*, was succeeded in the same Title and Honour by *Gyles* his Eldest Son, the Third Lord *Chandos*. The said *Gyles*, Third Lord *Chandos*, died without Issue Male, and was succeeded in the said Title and Honour by *William*, his Younger Brother, the Fourth Lord *Chandos*. The said *William*, Fourth Lord *Chandos*, was succeeded in the same Title and Honour by *Grey* his Son, the Fifth Lord *Chandos*.

The said *Grey*, Fifth Lord *Chandos*, was succeeded in the same Title and Honour by his Eldest Son *George*, the Sixth Lord *Chandos*. The said *George*, Sixth Lord *Chandos*, dying without Issue Male, was succeeded in the same Title and Honour by *William*, his Younger Brother, the Seventh Lord *Chandos*.

The said *William*, Seventh Lord *Chandos*, dying without Issue Male, the Issue Male of *Edmund*, the Eldest Son of the said *John* First Lord *Chandos*, became extinct.

No. 4. Upon the Death of the said *William*, Seventh Lord *Chandos*, without Issue Male, he was succeeded in the said Title by Sir *James Brydges*, Bart. Eighth Lord *Chandos*, who was the Great Grandson and Heir Male of the Body of *Charles*, the Second Son of the before-named *John*, First Lord *Chandos*.

The lineal Descent of the said Sir *James Brydges*, Eighth Lord *Chandos*, from *Charles*, the Second Son of the said *John*, First Lord *Chandos*, appears from the General Pedigree in the Appendix, No. 1, and is as follows:

No. 5, and No. 6. The said *Charles* died in *April* 1619, leaving Three Sons, namely *Gyles*, *Tristram*, and *Thomas*.

No. 7. No. 8, and No. 9. The said *Gyles*, the Eldest Son, was created a Baronet in the Year 1627, and died in 1637, leaving Issue Three Sons; namely, *John*, who upon the Death of his Father became Sir *John Brydges*, Bart. *Charles*, and *Gyles*.

No. 10, and No. 11. *Tristram* and *Thomas*, the Two younger Sons of the before-named *Charles*, the Second Son of the First Lord *Chandos*, died without Issue Male.

No. 12. No. 13, and No. 14. Sir *John Bridges*, Bart. the Eldest Son of Sir *Gyles Bridges*, was born in *Nov.* 1623, and died in *February* 1651, leaving *James* his only Son, who upon the Death of his Father became Sir *James Brydges*, Bart. and who, in *February* 1676, succeeded, as is before stated, to the Title and Honour of Baron *Chandos*, of *Sudeley*, as Heir Male of the Body of the said *Charles*, his Great Grandfather, and Second Son of *John* the First Lord *Chandos*.

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16, & 17. *Charles*, the Second Son of the said Sir *Gyles Bridges*, was born in *Jan.* 1625, and died in *May* 1669, leaving Three Sons; namely, *Charles*, *John*, and *Gyles*; and having had another Son, *Gyles*, who was born in *Sept.* 1666, and died in *Aug.* 1667.

No. 18, 19, & No. 20. *Gyles*, the Third Son of the before-named Sir *Gyles Bridges*, was born in 1628, and died in *Dec.* 1703, without Issue.

No. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29. *Charles*, the Eldest Son of *Charles*, who was the Second Son of Sir *Gyles*, was born in *October* 1659, and died without Issue.

No. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35. *John*, the Second Son of the said *Charles*, the Second Son of Sir *Gyles*, was born in *January* 1660. He married *Elizabeth Kemble* in *January* 1713, and died, without Issue, in *April* 1731.

No. 36. *Gyles*, the Third Son of the same *Charles*, was born, as is before stated, in *September* 1666, and died in *Aug.* 1667.

No. 37. No. 38. *Gyles*, the Fourth and only other Son of the same *Charles*, was born in *April* 1668, and died in *June* 1705, without Issue.

No. 39. The same *Charles Brydges*, had a daughter, *Anne*, who was first the Wife of *Thomas Neast*, and afterwards of *William Higford*.

No. 40. Sir *James Brydges*, Bart. the Eighth Lord *Chandos*, who succeeded to the said Title in *February* 1676, died in *October* 1714, leaving Issue only Two Sons; namely, *James*, who was born in *January* 1673, by whom he was succeeded in the Title of Baron *Chandos*, and who was the Ninth Lord *Chandos*; and *Henry*, who was born in *January* 1674, and who was Archdeacon of *Rochester*. The said Sir *James*, Eighth Lord *Chandos*, had Four other Sons, who all died in his Lifetime, without Issue; namely;

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No. 43. *Barnard*, who died in 1676;

No. 44. *John*, who was born in *November* 1671, and died in *December* 1671;

No. 45. *William*, who was born in *December* 1672, and died in the same *December* 1672;

No. 46. And *Francis*, who was born in *September* 1676, and died in *September* 1714.

No. 47. The said *James*, Ninth Lord *Chandos*, was, by Letters Patent of the 9th of *October*, in the First Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the First, created Viscount *Chandos de Wilton*, and Earl of *Carnarvon*, To hold to him and the Heirs Male of his Body, with Remainder to his Brother the before-named Dr. *Henry Brydges*, and the Heirs Male of his Body. And by Letters Patent of the 29th of *April*, in the Fifth Year of the same Reign, the said *James* Earl of *Carnarvon*, and Ninth Lord *Chandos*, was created Marquis of *Carnarvon* and Duke of *Chandos*, To hold to him and the Heirs Male of his Body.

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No. 49. The said *James* Duke of *Chandos*, and Ninth Lord *Chandos*, died in *August* 1744, having had several Sons by *Mary* his Wife, who was daughter of Sir *Thomas Lake*, and who died in *December* 1712, in the Lifetime of her Husband.

No. 50. All the Sons of the said *James* Duke of *Chandos*, except *John* and *Henry*, died Infants, and without Issue, in the Lifetime of their Mother.

The said *John*, the Eldest Son, died in *April* 1727, without Issue, in the Lifetime of his said Father, *James* Duke of *Chandos*.

The said *James*, First Duke of *Chandos*, and Ninth Lord *Chandos*, was succeeded in the said Titles by his said Son *Henry*, Second Duke of *Chandos*, and Tenth Lord *Chandos*.

No. 51. No. 52. No. 53. The said *Henry*, Second Duke of *Chandos*, and Tenth Lord *Chandos*, died in *December* 1771, leaving only One Son; namely, *James*, Third and last Duke of *Chandos*, and Eleventh Lord *Chandos*, who died without Issue Male in *September* 1789.

No. 54. Dr. *Henry Brydges*, who was Second Son of Sir *James Brydges*, Eighth Lord *Chandos*, died in 1728, having had Three Sons; namely, *Robert*, *James*, and *James*.

No. 55. *Robert*, who was a Lunatic, died, without Issue, in *September* 1779.

No. 56. *James* was born in *April* 1723, and died in *May* 1723.

No. 57. And *James*, the only other Son, died the 12th *July* 1789, without Issue.

Upon the Death of *James*, the last Duke of *Chandos*, and Eleventh Lord *Chandos*, in *September* 1789, without Issue Male, there was a total Failure of Heirs Male of the Body of *Charles* the Second

Second Son of *John*, First Lord *Chandos:* And upon such Failure the Claimant submits that he became entitled to inherit the Honour and Dignity of Baron *Chandos*, of *Sudeley*, as Heir Male of the Body of *Anthony*, the Third Son of the said *John* First Lord *Chandos*, from whom he is so lineally descended as follows:

No. 58. The sad *Anthony*, Third Son of *John*, First Lord *Chandos*, intermarried with a Daughter of *Fortescue*, by whom he had Two Children; namely, *Robert*, and *Catherine* who in-
No. 59. termarried with Sir *John Astley*, Knight.

No. 60. The said *Robert* died in *July* 1636, having only Two Children; namely, *Edward* and *Anne*, who
No. 61. were Twins, and were born in *March* 1603.

No. 62. The said *Edward* intermarried with *Katherine Sharpe* upon the 18th of *June* 1627, by whom he had Issue Four Sons; namely,

No. 63. *John*, who was born in *August* 1629, and died in *September* 1632;

No. 64. *Edward*, who was born in *November* 1631, and died in the same *November* 1631;

No. 65. *Robert*, who was born in *December* 1632, and died in the same *December* 1632;

No. 66. And *John*, who was born in *September* 1634.

No. 67. The said *John* had Four Sons; namely, *John*, who was born in *October* 1680, and Three younger Sons.

No. 68. The said *John*, the Son of *John*, intermarried with *Jane* the Daughter and Heir of *Edward Gibbon* Esquire, in *August* 1704, and died in *July* 1712. He had Issue, by the said *Jane* his Wife, Three Sons only; namely,

No. 69. *John*, who was born in *October* 1707, and died in *February* 1709;

No. 70. *John*, who was born in *July* 1710, and died unmarried, and without Issue, in *April*
No. 71. 1780;

No. 72. And *Edward* (the Father of the Claimant), who was born in *January* 1712, and died in *November* in 1780.

No. 73. The said *Edward* intermarried with *Jemima* the Daughter of *William Egerton*, Doctor of Laws,
No. 74. in *March* 1747, by whom he had Issue the Claimant *Edward Tymewell Brydges*, who was born in *June* 1749, and several Younger Sons.

The Claimant conceiving himself to be so entitled to the Honour and Dignity of Baron *Chandos*, of *Sudeley*, and having presented his humble Petition to his Majesty, praying that his Majesty would be graciously pleased to admit his Claim to the said Dignity---his Majesty was graciously pleased to refer the same to his Majesty's Attorney-General, who has made his Report thereon to his Majesty, and has thereby certified that he conceives that the Claimant has proved himself to be Heir Male of the Body of the said *John* first Lord *Chandos*, of *Sudeley;* and as such entitled to the Honour and Dignity of Baron *Chandos*, of *Sudeley*, under the before-mentioned Letters Patent of the 8th of *April*, in the First Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen *Mary*, by Evidence which, although not without some Difficulty, would be probably deemed sufficient to prove his Title to any other Species of Inheritance the Foundation of which was laid so far back as the Year 1554.

His Majesty has been further graciously pleased to refer the said Petition to your Lordships; and the same being referred by your Lordships to the Consideration of the Lords Committee for Privileges, the Claimant humbly hopes, that, upon producing the Evidence stated in the Appendix, or other sufficient Evidence, in Proof of his Descent, your Lordships will be of Opinion that he is justly entitled to the Honour and Dignity of Baron *Chandos*, of *Sudeley*, and that the same ought to be allowed and confirmed to him; And that your Lordships will report to his Majesty accordingly.

JOHN SCOTT.
J. S. HARVEY.

APPENDIX

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With References to the Margin of the Case.

No. 1.

No. 1. GENERAL PEDIGREE annexed to the Case, deduced from Sir *John Bridges*, first Lord *Chandos*.

No. 2.

No. 2. Inrollment of Letters Patent, bearing Date the 8th of *April* 1554, creating Sir *John Bridges*, Knt. Baron *Chandos*, of *Sudeley*; To hold to him and the Heirs Male of his Body.

No. 3.

No. 3. The following Pedigree in the Visitation Book of *Herefordshire*, and which appears to have been certified and signed by Sir *Gyles Bridges*, Bart. the Eldest Son of *Charles*, the Second Son of the said Sir *John Bridges*, first Lord *Chandos*.

Sir Giles Bruggs, Knt. Son and Heir of Thomas. = Isabella, Da. to Tho. Baynham in Co. Glocester, Esq.

Sir John a Brugg, first Lord Shandos, Baron of Shudley. = Elizabeth, Da. to Edmond, Lord Gray.

Thomas Bruges of Cornbury in Co. Oxon. 2 Son.

Henry 4 Sonn S. P.

Edmond a Bruggs 2 Lord Shandos. = Dorothy Da. to Edm. Lo. Bray, Sister and Coh. to John Lord Bray.

Charles a Brugs of Wilton Castle in Com. Hereford, 2 Sonn. = Jane Da. of Sir Edward Carne, of Winney in Com. Glamorgan, Kt.

Anthony Bruggs 3 Son. = ——Da. of —— Fortescue.

Richard Bruggs, 5 Son. = ——Da. of —— Floyd.

Eleanor Katherine

Giles Bruges, 3 Lord Shandos.

= Frances, Da. to Edw. Lord Clinton, Lord Admiral of England.

Willm Brugs, 4 Lord Chandos, Heir Male to his Brother. = Da. to Sir Owen Hopton, Lieutenant of the Tower.

Sir Giles Brugs of Wilton Castle in Co. Hereford, Bart. = Mary, Da. of Sir James Scudamore of Homelacy in Co. Hereford, and Sister to John Lord Viscount Scudamore.

Katherine married to Sir John Ashley, of Madesto. in Co. Kent, Knt.

Robart Brugs.

Francis Ux. — Moore of Oxon.

John Brugs.

Elizab. S. P.

Katherine married to Francis now Earl of Bedford.

Gray Bridges Lord Shandos = Anne 1 Da. and Coh. to —— Lord Strange, Earl of Derby.

John Brugs, eldest Sonn and Heir, aged about 12 Years.

Charles Brugs 2 Son.

Giles Brugs 3 Son.

Frances, eldest Da.

Jane, 2 Da.

Elizabeth.

Frances.

George Briges, now Lord Chandos, aged about 15 Years, A°. 1634.

William Bruges, 2d Son.

Certified by

GYLES BRIDGES.

End of the First Line of the General Pedigree.

No. 4.

No. 4.

The following Entry in the Journals of the House of Peers, Die Jovis, 15 *Februarii* 1676.

Lord *Chandos* first sitting in Parliament. } This Day *James* Lord *Chandos*, sat first in Parliament, by Virtue of His Majesty's Writ of Summons, dated the 13th Day of *February*, in the 29th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *Charles* the Second, upon the Death of *William* Lord *Chandos*.

No. 5.

No. 5. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Bridstow*, in *Herefordshire*. "*April* 9th, 1619, "old Mr. *Charles Bridges*, of the *Cestell* of *Wilton*, buried.

No. 6.

No. 6. The following Pedigree in the *Ashmolean* Library at *Oxford*.

JOANNES BRIDGES.

1mus. Baro. | Chandos de Sudeley.

- Edmundus 2dus. Baro. Chandos.
- Carolus Bridges, Armiger.
  - 3 — Thomas Bridges, obiit sinè Prole Mascula.
  - 2 — Tristram Bridges, obiit S. P.
  - Egidius Bridges de Wilton, in Com. Hereford, Baronettus, 1627, 3 Car. I. = Maria Fil. Johannis Scudamore Mil.
    - 3 — Jana Uxor. Phipps de Swallowfield in Com. Berks.
    - 3 — Egidius Bridges de Jury in Com. Heref.
    - 2 — Carolus Bridges de Cleve, Com. Gloucester.
    - 1 — Joannis Bridges, Baronettus, ob. Jan. 1640. = Maria Fil. Johannis Pearle de Aconbury, in Com. Hereford.
      - 5 — Margaretta Uxor. Tho. Townsend, Clerk of the Great Wardrobe.
      - 4 — Anna Uxor. Christ. Jeffryes of the Privy Chamber to the King.
      - 3 — Beata Uxor. Samuelis Danvers, Civ. Lond.
      - 2 — Francisca Uxor. Will. Brabourne S. T. D.
      - 1 — Penelope Uxor. Edward Jones de Lanwerne, Com. Hereford.
      - Jacobus Bridges Baro. Chandos, 1677. = Elizabeth Fil. Henrici Bernard Militis ac Civis Lond.

No. 7.

No. 7. Inrollment of Letters Patent, dated 17th of *May*, 1627, creating *Gyles Bridges* of *Wilton*, in the County of *Hereford*, a Baronet.

No. 8.

No. 8. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of the Parish of *Peterstowe*, in *Herefordshire*.
"*Sept.* 2, 1637, Dominus *Egidiees Brugges*, Mil. et Bar. Sepultus."

No. 9.

No. 9. The above mentioned Pedigree, No. 5. in the *Ashmolean* Library, and the Pedigree, No. 3, of this Appendix.

No. 10.

No. 10. The same Pedigree in the *Ashmolean* Library, by which it appears that *Thomas* died without Issue Male, and *Tristram* without Issue.

No. 11.

No. 11. Will of Sir *Giles Bridges*, Bart. dated the 4th of *September* 1634, by which he gave Legacies to the Two Daughters of his Brother *Thomas Bridges*. And after reciting by his Will that he had granted to each of his Two Brothers, *Thomas* and *Tristram*, an Annuity of 40*l.* a Year during their respective Lives he confirms the said Annuities, and directs, that if the Lands on which they are charged should be deficient, they should be made good out of the Rents of his Manor of *Cleve*, in the County of *Gloucester*, and out of certain other Funds mentioned in his Will.—*N. B.* He dos not in his said Will name or notice any Issue Male of either of his said Two Brothers.—He appointed his said Two Brothers, *Thomas* and *Tristram*, together with other Persons, Executors, the Will was proved upon the 22 of *November*, 1637, by one of the other Executors, with Liberty to the said *Thomas* and *Tristram* to come in and prove.

No. 12.

No. 12. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Bridstow*, in *Herefordshire*.
"*November* 20th, 1623. *John* Son of *Gyles Bridges*, Esq. and *Mary* his Wife, baptized."

No. 13.

No. 13. Copies of the following Entries in the Registries of the Parishes of *Peterstowe* and *Dewsall*, in the County of *Hereford*.

In *Peterstowe* Registry. "*February* 28th, 1651. Dominus *Johannes*, *Brugges*, Bartus. Sepultus Verus Eques.

In *Dewsall* Registry. " *February* 21st. 1651. Sir *John Bridges* of *Dewsall*, Bart. dyed " in *Brydges-Street*, *Covent-Garden*, *London*, and was buried " *February* 28th, at *Pitstow*, Co. *Hereford*."

No. 14.

No. 14. The before mentioned Pedigree in the *Ashmolean* Library.

No. 15.

No. 15. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Bridstow*. " *January* 6th, 1625. *Charles Bridges*, " Son of *Gyles Bridges*, Esq. and *Mary* his *W*ife, baptized."

No. 16.

No. 16. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Tewksbury*, in *Gloucestershire*. " *Charles Bridges*, " Sen. Gent. buried *May* 7th, 1669."

No. 17.

No. 17. Copy of the following Inscription on a flat Stone in *Tewksbury* Church. " Here lieth the Body of " *Charles Bridges*, Esq. Second Son of Sir *Gyles Bridges*, of *Wilton Castle*, Baronet. He departed " this Life, *May* 5th, 1669".

No. 18.

No. 18. Copy of the following Entry in Parish Registry of *Bridstow*. " 1628. *Gyles*, Son of Sir *Gyles* " *Bridges*, Bart. and *Mary* his Wife, baptized."

No. 19.

No. 19. Copy of the Entry in Registry of *Peterstowe*. " *Gyles Bridges*, Gent. buried *December* 10th, 1703."

No. 20.

No. 20. Will of the said *Gyles Bridges*, dated 28th *November*, 1702, and proved at *Hereford*, 17th *December*, 1703.

The Will recites a Conveyance he had made, bearing Date the 22d of *March*, in 10th Year of *William* the III. by which he conveyed his Estate in *Herefordshire* to *James* Lord *Chandos*, Baron of *Sudely*. To the Use of himself (*Gyles Bridges*) for his Life, and from and after his Death, to the Use of the said *James* Lord *Chandos*, in Fee; with a Power for him the said *Gyles Bridges*, by Deed or Will, to charge the Premises with the Sum of 400l. to be paid in six Months after his Death. He does therefore by his said Will charge the said Premises with the Sum of 400l. and directs the said *James* Lord *Chandos*, to pay the same to his Executors, and he distributes the 400l. in Manner following:

To his loving Nephew, *Gyles Bridges* of *Tewksbury*, 10l.

To his loving Niece, Mrs. *Anne Higford*, Wife to Mr. *William Higford*, of *Twining*, in the County of *Gloucester*, 10l.

To several other Persons named in the Will and Parts of it. Then

To his loving Niece, Mrs. *Frances Lannyon* of *London*, 6l.

To his Kinsman Mr. *James Brabourne*, and Mr. *John Brabourne*, Sons of Doctor *Brabourne*, deceased, 4l.

To his Kinswoman, Mrs. *Frances Freestone*, Daughter of the said Dr. *Brabourne*, 6l.

To his loving Niece, Mrs. *Beata Danvers*, 10l.

To her Daughter, Mrs. *Arabella Danvers*, 2l.

To his Niece, Mrs. *Margaret Townshend*, 10l.

To her Son Mr. *Thomas Townshend*, 2l.

To his Kinswoman, Mrs. *Penelope Goode*, Daughter of his Niece, Mrs. *Penelope Jones*, of *Lanwarne*, 35l.

To his Kinsman, Mr. *George Jeffries*, Son of his Niece, late Mrs. *Ann Jeffries*, 5l.

And to his Kinswoman *Dorothy Morgan*, All the Household Goods which he had at her Brother's, *William Jones's*, at *Lanwarne*; and he appointed the said *William Jones*, sole Executor.

Copy of the following Inscriptions upon Coffin Plates in the Church of *Stanmore Parva*.
" *Thomas Townsend*, Esq. Son to the Honourable Col. *Townsend*, and Grandson to Mrs. *Townsend*, " Sister to *James* Lord *Chandos*, died *November* 4, 1762, aged 49".
" *Thomas Brydges Townsend*, Esq. Captain in the first Regiment of Foot Guards, only Son of " *Thomas Townsend*, Esq. died *May* 6, 1778, aged 20".

No. 21.

No. 21. Copy of the Entry in the Registry of *Tewksbury*. " *Charles*, Son of *Charles* and *Anne Bridges*, " born *October* 29th, 1659; baptized *November*, 3, 1659".

No. 22.

No. 22.

No. 22. Will of *Charles Bridges* of the *Mythe*, in the Parish of *Tewksbury*, in the County of *Gloucester*, dated the 3 *May*, 1669, and proved by *Anne* his Widow upon the 27th *June*, 1669; whereby he devised the Scite of the Manor of *Bishops Cleve*, in the County of *Gloucester*, and all Lands and Hereditaments thereto belonging, to his Daughter *Anne*, and the Heirs of her Body; And for Default of such Issue, to his Son *Gyles*, and the Heirs of his Body; and for Default of such Issue, to his Son *Charles*, and his Heirs for ever: And he directed that his the Testator's Wife, *Anne*, should enjoy the Rents and Profits of the said Estate during the Minority of such of his Children who should be entitled thereto by virtue of his Will. And he devised to his Brother *Giles Bridges*, and *William Higford*, and their Heirs, a Messuage, with the Appurtenances, in *Bishops Cleve* aforesaid, and Lands thereto belonging, upon Trust, to sell the same, and to apply the Money to arise from such Sale in the Payment of his Debts; and if there should be any Overplus of the said Monies, upon Trust, to pay the same to his the Testator's said Wife.

No. 23.

No. 23. Copy of a Fine levied by *John Bridges* and *Eleanor* his Wife, and *Anne Bridges*, Widow, in *Trinity* Term, 4th *William* and *Mary*, of Messuages and Lands in *Bishops Cleve*.

No. 24.

No. 24. Will of *Anne Bridges* of the *Mythe*, Widow of the above named Testator *Charles Bridges*, dated the 8th *July*, 1693; by which she devised several Estates in the Counties of *Worcester*, and *Gloucester* to her Son *Gyles Bridges*, in Fee, and bequeathed to her Son, *John Bridges*, the Sum of 3l. and to her Daughter *Anne Higford*, 40 Shillings; and she gave to her Brother-in-law, *Giles Bridges*, a pecuniary Legacy: And the Residue of her personal Estate to her Son *Gyles Bridges*, and appointed him sole Executor.—*N. B.* She did not in her Will name her Son *Charles*, or any Issue of him.

No. 25.

No. 25. Copy of Entry in the Registry of *Tewksbury*.—" Madam *Anne Bridges*, Widow, buried *January* " 27th, 1695;" and upon a flat Stone in the same Church, " *Anne Bridges*, Widow, died *January* " 25, 1695."

No. 26.

No. 26. Copy of a Fine levied by *John Bridges*, Esq. of the Manor of *Bishops Cleave*, in *Hilary* Term, 1730.

No. 27.

No. 27. *Conrade Coulthurst*, Gent. will prove his having carefully searched the proper Books at the Warrant of Attorney and Fine Office, from the Year 1679 to the Year 1732; And that there does not appear to have been any Fine or Recovery levied or suffered within those Periods of any Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments, in *Gloucestershire*, either by *Anne Bridges*, as a Feme Sole, or by the said *Anne* as the Wife of *Thomas Neust*, or as the Wife of *William Higford*, or by *Charles Bridges*, or *Giles Bridges*, or any of them.

No. 28.

No. 28. The Will of *Gyles Bridges*, the Son of the said Testator *Charles Bridges*, dated the 4th of *May*, 1705, by which he devised all his real Estates to his Sister *Anne Higford*, and her Heirs; and after giving several small specific Legacies, gave the Residue of his Personal Estate to his said Sister *Anne Higford*, and appointed her sole Executrix.—*N. B.* He does not Name his Brother *Charles*, or any Issue of himself or his said Brother.—It appears that *Anne Higford* died in or before the Year 1723, for upon the 22d of *April* 1723, Admon. *de bonis non*, with the said Will of the said *Giles Bridges*, annexed, was granted to *William Higford*, as the only Executor named in her Will.

No. 29.

No. 29. The Original Summons of the Heralds in the Year 1683, for the Visitation of *Gloucestershire*, in which *John Bridges*, is summoned as the Owner of the *Mythe*.

No. 30.

No. 30. Copy Entry in the Registry of *Tewksbury*. " *John*, Son of *Charles* and *Anne Bridges*, of the *Mythe*, " born *January* 29, 1660; baptised *February* 4th, 1660."

No. 31.

No. 31. Copy Entry in the Registry of *Tewksbury*. " *John Bruges*, Esq. and Mrs. *Elizabeth Kemble*, " married *January* 25th, 1713."

No. 32.

No. 32. Copy Entry in the Parish of *Tewksbury*. " *April* 9th, 1731. Mr. *John Bruges buried*."

No. 33.

No. 33. Copy Inscription on a flat Stone in *Tewksbury* Church. " In Memory of *John Bridges*, Esq. who died *April* 6th, 1731, aged 70."

No. 34.

No. 34. *Thomas Waldron* of *Tewkesbury*, Stay-maker, aged 80 Years and upwards, will depose as follows: That he knew *John Brydges*, late of the *Mythe*, in *Tewkesbury* aforesaid, Esq. for several Years previous to, and to the Time of the Death of the said *John Brydges*, which happened in the Year 1731, at which Time he the Deponent resided, and ever since hath resided, in *Tewkesbury* aforesaid; and that the said *John Brydges* was an old Man at the Time the Deponent so knew him; and that the Deponent did, in the Life-time of the said *John Brydges*, understand him to be of the *Chandos* Family; and that the Deponent was in the Life-time of the said *John Brydges*, informed, and believes the same to be true, that the *Mythe*, where the said *John Brydges* resided, was a Family House,

House, and that the Father of the said *John Brydges* had resided therein; and the Deponent well remembers that the said *John Brydges*, had two Wives, the first of whom was the Daughter of Mr. Justice *Buckle* of *Chesley*, which is a Parish in the Neighbourhood of *Tewksbury*, and that his second Wife was the Daughter of Captain *Mitchell*, of *Cheltenham*, in the said County of *Gloucester*, and Widow of *Thomas Kemble*, and who survived her said Husband the said *John Brydges*, and afterwards lived principally in the Town of *Tewksbury* aforesaid, with Mr. *Kemble*, the Brother of her first Husband. And the Deponent further says, That he never heard that the said *John Brydges* had any Issue; and he verily believed that the said *John Brydges*, never had any Issue. And the Deponent further says, that the said *John Brydges* not having any Issue, nor any Brothers then living (his Brother *Gyles Brydges*, as the Deponent at that Time understood, and believes it to be true, having died many Years before without Issue), he, the said *John Brydges*, did some Time before his Death take Mr. *Richard Buckle*, a Nephew of his first Wife, to live with him, and who did with the Approbation and at the particular Wish of the said *John Brydges*, a few Days before the Death of the said *John Brydges*, intermarry with *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of *Peter Venables*, of *Tewksbury* aforesaid, who was the intimate Friend of the said *John Brydges*; upon which Marriage the said *John Brydges*, as the Deponent then or soon after was informed and believes, promised to give them all or a great Part of his Fortune, and which Promise the Deponent believes he afterwards performed, for that the said *Richard Buckle* did, after the Death of the said *John Brydges*, enjoy the *Mythe* House and Estate; and that *William Buckle*, Esq. the Grandson of the said *Richard Buckle* and *Elizabeth Venables*, is now the Owner of the said House and Estate. And the Deponent further says, That he well knows the House at *Tewksbury*, in which the said *Gyles Brydges*, the Brother of the said *John Brydges*, resided in his life-time, but that the said *Gyles Brydges* died before the Time of the Deponent's Memory; but the Deponent verily believes that the said *Gyles Brydges* died without any Issue, the Deponent never having heard that the said *Gyles Brydges* had any Issue. And the Deponent further says, That he never heard that the said *John Brydges* had any other Brother than the said *Gyles Brydges*; and that he well remembers that the said *John Brydges* had a Sister named *Anne*, who was first married to Mr. *Thomas Neast*, by whom she had no Issue; and that she was afterwards married to Mr. *William Higford*. And the Deponent further says, That the said *John Brydges*, was buried in the North Aisle of the Church of *Tewksbury* aforesaid.

No. 35.

No. 35. *Elizabeth Dowdeswell* of *Chaisely*, in the County of *Worcester*, Widow, aged 77 Years, who was *Elizabeth Venables* named in the Deposition of *Thomas Waldron*, will depose as follows:

That she knew *John Brydges*, heretofore of the *Mythe*, in the Parish of *Tewksbury*, for several Years previous to and to the Time of his Death, which happened in the Year 1731, at which Time the Deponent, and almost from the Time of her Birth, lived with the said *John Brydges* at the *Mythe* aforesaid; and that the said *John Brydges*, as the Deponent always apprehended and believed, was of the *Chandos* Family. And the Deponent further says, That the said *John Brydges*, had several Wives, but that she always heard and believed he had no Issue by any of them. And she further says, That she had heard the said *John Brydges* mention his having had Brothers, and who, as the Deponent has heard and believes, died young and without Issue, the said *John Brydges*, having always expressed himself in Terms which proved he had no Nephews, or any near Relations whatever; and as the Deponent had heard and believes, he never had any Nephews or near Relations; but, that if he had any such Relations, the Deponent thinks she must have heard of them, having, as before mentioned, always lived with the said *John Brydges*. And the Deponent further says, she is rather inclined to be of that Opinion, because the said *John Brydges* did take *Richard Buckle*, Esq. a Nephew to his first Wife, to live with him; and who did, with the Approbation and at the particular Desire of the said *John Brydges*, a few Days before his Death, intermarry with the Deponent; and to whom, and to the Deponent, the said *John Brydges*, did, by his Will devise a large Part of his Estate, and which has ever since been, and is yet enjoyed by the Deponent, and her Family.

No. 36.

Copies of Entries in Registry of *Tewkesbury*.

No. 36. "*Gyles*, Son of *Charles* and *Anne Brydges*, Baptized *September* 16th, 1666."

"*Gyles*, Son of *Charles* and *Anne Brydges*, Buried *August* 3d, 1667."

No. 37.

Copies of Entries in Registry of *Tewksbury*.

No. 37. "*Gyles*, Son of *Charles* and *Anne Brydges*, Baptized *April* 14th, 1668."

"*Gyles Brydges*, Buried *June* 22d, 1705."

And Copy of the following Inscription upon a Flat Stone in *Tewksbury* Church:

"*Giles Brydges*, Gent. died *June* 9, 1705."

No. 38.

No. 38. Will of the said *Gyles Bridges*, dated the 4th of May 1705, stated in No. 28 of the Appendix.

No. 39.

No. 39. Will of *Charles Brydges*, the Father, stated in in No. 22 of the Appendix; and the Deposition of *Thomas Waldron*, stated in No. 34 of the Appendix.

No. 40.

Copy of Entry in the Registry of *Aconbury*.

No. 40. "*October* 22d 1714. The Right Hon. *James* Lord *Chandos*, Baron of *Sudely*, Com. *Gloucester*, Buried."

No. 41.

Copy of Entry in the Registry of *Dewsall*.

No. 41. "*January* 12 1673. *James* Son of Sir *James Brydges*, Baptized."

No. 42.

No. 42. Copy of Entry in the Registry of *Dewsall.*

" *January* 26, 1674. *Henry,* Son of Sir *James Brydges,* Baronet, and *Elizabeth* his Lady, Baptized.'

No. 43.

No. 43. Copy of Entry in the Registry of *Aconbury,*

" 1676. *Barnet,* Son of Sir *James Brydges* and *Elizabeth* his Lady, Buried."

Copy of an Inscription on a Flat Stone in that Church.

" The Body of *Barnard Brydges,* 1676 "

No. 44.

No. 44. Copy of an Entry in the Registry of *Dewsall.*

" *November* 1671. *John,* Son of Sir *James Brydges* and *Elizabeth* his Lady, Baptized."

Copy of an Entry in the Registry of *Aconbury*

" *December* 24th 1671. ...*n,* a Son of Sir *James Brydges,* Buried."

Copy of an Inscription on a Flat Stone in *Aconbury* Church.

" The Bodies of *John* and *William Brydges,* 1672."

B. The three first letters of the Name *ohn* are obliterated.

No. 45.

No. 45. Copies of Entries in the Registry of *Dewsall.*

" *December* 1, 1672. *William,* Son of Sir *James Brydges* and *Elizabeth* his Lady, Baptized."

" *December* 12, 1672. *William,* Son of Sir *James Brydges* and *Elizabeth* his Lady, Buried."

No. 46.

No. 46. Copy of an Entry in the Registry of *Dewsall.*

" *Sept.* 3d, 1676. *Francis,* Son of Sir *James Brydges* Lord *Chandos* and *Elizabeth* his Lady, Baptized."

Copy of an Entry in the Registry of the Parish of *Stanmore Parva,*

" Burials, 1714."

" *October* 1. *Francis Brydges,* Esq. Affidavit made by *Perryns Martyn.*"

The following Copy of Inscription on his Monument in the same Church.

M : S :

Hon. Francisci Bridges Arm. Viri omni virtutis genere ornatissimi, omni politioris Literaturæ laude florentissimi Qui. in Coll. Westmonast bonis literis strenuam postquam navasset operam in Sanctæ et Individuæ Trinitatis apud Cantab. Coll. Electorum Suffragiis co-optatus Suavissima indole moribusq. ingenuis omnium sibi mire devinxit Animos, omnibus unice carus evasit. Academia relicta rebusq. gerendis se totum applicans Redditum Regiorum de Sale provenientium rationalis et Anno 1702 constitutus est

Uxorem unicam duxit Saram Western Western de Rivenhall in Agro Essex Arm. Filiam ex quâ nullam suscepit prolem.

Londinum rediens Ariconio (quò Patrem suum Jacobum Baronem de Chandos morbo sibi paucos intra Dies fatali laborantem visurus se Contulerat) Farringtoniæ Febri lethargicâ correptus decessit magnum sui desiderium apud omnes relinquens.

IV Calend. Aug. Anno 1676 natus
Haud diu ultra completum Æt. Anno 38 vivis interfuit.
V Calend. Sept. Anno 1714 denatus.
Ejus Exuviæ hanc Ecclesiam deductæ sub Altare
Reconditæ sunt Cal. Oct. ejusd. Anni.

No. 47.

No. 47. Office Copy Inrollment of Letters Patent of the 9th. *October* 1st *George* I.

No. 48.

No. 48. Office Copy of Inrollment of Letters Patent 29th *April,* 5th *George* II.

No. 49.

No. 49. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Stanmore Parva.*

Burials 1744

" The Most Noble *James* Duke of *Chandos,* Marquis and Earl of *Carnarvon,* &c. &c. &c. died " the 9th and was buried the 23d Day of *August* 1744."

Copy of the following Monumental Inscription in the same Church.

" In hopes of a joyful Resurrection,

" Here lieth interred the Body of The Most Noble *James Brydges* Duke of *Chandos,* Marquis " and Earl of *Carnarvon,* Viscount *Wilton,* Baron *Chandos.* of *Sudeley,* and Baronet ; Member of " His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of he

" County

" County of *Radnor*, High Steward of *Cantre-Melenith*, Chancellor of the University of Saint " *Andrew* in *Scotland*, Ranger of *Enfield* Chace, and one of the Governors of the *Charter House*, " who was born *January* 6, 1673, and departed this Life *August* 9th 1744."

(Then follows an Enumeration of his Virtues.)

" He married first *Mary* Daughter of Sir *Thomas Lake*, of *Cannons* in *Middlesex*, by whom he " left Issue the Most Noble *Henry* Duke of *Chandos*. His second Wife was *Cassandra*, Daughter " of Sir *Francis Willoughby* of *Woollaton*, and Sister of *Thomas* Lord *Middleton*. His third Wife " was *Lydia*, Daughter of *John Van Hatten* Esquire, and Widow of Sir *Thomas Davall*, who was " Member of Parliament, and died in the Year 1714."

No. 50.

No. 50.

Copy of the following Inscription on a Coffin plate in the Church of *Stanmore*.

" The Most Honourable *John* Marquis of *Carnarvon*, died *April* 8th, 1727, Aged 24."

Copy of the following Inscription on a Tablet on the side of the Monument of the last above-named *James* Duke of *Chandos*.

MARIA BRYDGES.

Multis Ornata Virtutibus Fæmina.
Thomam Lake Equitem Auratem de Cannons in Com. Middx. et Rebeccam Joh. Langham
Baronetti de Cottesbrooke in Com. Northt. Filiam Parentes habuit
Honorabili Jacobo Brydges Jam de Carnarvon Comiti
Prenobilis Jacobi Domini Chandos filio natu maximo
Fæliciter nupsit, eumque novena prole patrem fecit
Primo genitum ad auræ vitalis usum non produxit
Jacobum, Thomam, Lancelottum, Mariam, Carolum, Rebeccam
Hic Matrem juxta sepultos
Ipsa deflevit misera
Johannem Dominum Chandos et Henricum
Charissima viro pignora reliquit,
Et O longum utinam super futuros !
Vale conjux
Amata plurimum et amantissima
Vitæ heu nimium brevis, sed pulchræ sanctæque peractæ
Æternis in Christo præmiis fruere !
Tuum interitum hic non silebunt,
Vel liberalitatem pauperes,
Vel Mansuetudinem domestici
Vel Caritatem Amici,
Vel Benevolentiam Cognati,
Vel Indulgentiam filii.
Exiguum magni Amoris Monumentum
Hoc tibi Marmor statuo
Tui semper tuarumque virtutum memor.
Jacobus Comes de Carnarvon
A. D. 1717.
Natu Aug. 1666.
Nupta Feb. 1696.
Mortua Dec. 1712.

No. 51.

No. 51.

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Stanmore Parva*.
Burials 1771.

" The Most Noble *Henry* Duke of *Chandos*, Marquis and Earl of *Carnarvon*, &c. was buried " *December* the 12th."

Likewise the following Pedigree delivered into the House of Peers by *James* the last Duke of *Chandos*, the Twenty-eighth of *February* 1774.

1st

1st WIFE.

Mary, Eldest Daughter and at length Coheir of *Charles Bruce*, Lord *Bruce* of *Whorlton*, afterwards Earl of *Aylesbury*, *Elgin*, &c. married 21st *December* 1728, by special Licence, in the Parish of *Saint Martin in the Fields*, in the County of *Middlesex*; died 14th *August* 1738; buried at *Whitchurch*, 22d of the same Month.

Henry Brydges Duke of *Chandos*, Marquis and Earl of *Carnarvon*, Viscount *Wilton* in the County of *Hereford*, and Baron *Chandos*, of *Sudeley Castle*, in the County of *Gloucester*, Baronet, and Knight of the Bath, died 28th *November* 1771; buried at *Whitchurch*, in the County of *Middlesex*, 12th *December* following.

2d WIFE.

Anne Jeffereys, of the Parish of *Saint Mary-le-bone*, married 25th *December* 1744, at Mr. *Keith*'s Chapel, in the Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*; died 9th *August* 1759; buried at *Whitchurch*, 30th of same Month.

3d WIFE.

Elizabeth, 2d daughter and Coheir of Sir *John Major* of *Worlingworth Hall*, in the County of *Suffolk*, Baronet, married at *Westham*, in the County of *Essex*, 18th *July* 1767 —now living.

James Brydges, Duke of *Chandos*, Marquis and Earl of *Carnarvon*, Vis-Count *Wilton*, and Baron *Chandos*, and Barone only Son and Heir, born 16th *December* 1731, in the Parish of *Saint James, Westminster*, and baptized 11th *January* following.

Margaret, sole daughter and Heir of *John Nicoll* of *Cony Hatch*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Esquire, by *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Benjamin Poole* of *London*, Esq. and Relict of *John Keck* of *Great Tew* in the County of *Oxford*, Esq. married 22d *March* 1753, at *St. George*'s Church, *Hanover Square*, died 14th *August* 1768; buried at *Whitchurch* aforesaid, without Issue, 29th of said Month,

Caroline Brydges, only Daughter by the first Venter, born 20th *March* $17\frac{28}{38}$, in the Parish of *Saint James, Westminster*; baptized 15th *April* following; married 10th *March* 1755. at *Ludgershall*, in County of *Wilts*, to *James Leigh* of *Addlesthorpe* in the County of *Gloucester*.

James Henry Leigh, only Child born 8th *Feb.* 1765, at *Addlestrop* aforesaid, and baptized the same day.

Augusta Anne Brydges, only Child by the 2d Venter, born 6th *October* 1748, in the Parish of *Saint George, Hanover Square*; baptized 30th of the same Month; now living unmarried.

No. 52.

No. 52.

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Stanmore Parva*.

" 1789 *October* 10. The Most Noble *James* Duke of *Chandos* Marquis and Earl of *Carnarvon*, &c

No. 53.

No. 53. Deposition of *Henry John Kearney*, Esq. Son of the Rev. *John Kearney*, Dr. in Divinity, deceased, and of *Henrietta* his Wife, who was one of the Daughters of the Hon. and Rev. *Henry Brydges*, Archdeacon of *Rochester*, some Time since deceased, who was one of the Sons of the Right Hon. *James* Lord *Chandos*, deceased; says, That he knew and was well acquainted with the most Noble *James* last Duke of *Chandos*, lately deceased; and also with the Deponent's Uncle, *James Brydges*, late of *Pinner Hill*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq. And saith, That *Robert Brydges*, late of *Cirencester*, in the County of *Gloucester*, Esq. and the said *James Brydges*, were the Two only surviving Sons of the said Doctor *Henry Brydges*, and are both since deceased. And saith, That the said *James*, last Duke of *Chandos*, died in or about the Month of *September* last, without leaving any Issue Male; and that the said *James Brydges*, of *Pinner Hill*, died in the Month of *July* last, without Issue, having, by his Will, appointed the Deponent one of his Executors: And saith, That the before-named *Robert Brydges* was a Lunatic or Ideot, and died without Issue, in *September* 1779; and that upon the Death of the said *Robert Brydges*, Administration of his Effects was granted to the said *James Brydges*, as his Brother, and One of his next of Kin.

No. 54.

No. 54. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Stanmore Parva*.

" The Rev. and Hon. Dr. *Henry Brydges*, Son of the Right Hon. *James* Lord *Chandos*, &c. died " the 9th of *May* 1728, in the 54th Year of his Age."

No.

No. 55.

No 55.

The Deposition of *Henry John Kearney*, Esq. in No. 53 of the Appendix, and the Letters of Administration of the Effects of *Robert Brydges*, granted to *James Brydges*, Esq. 9th *December* 1779.

No. 56.

No. 56.

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Stanmore Parva*.

"Master *James Brydges*, Second Son of the Hon. Dr. *Henry Brydges* and *Annabella* his Wife, "was born the 29th of *April* 1723, and died the 29th of *May* following."

No. 57.

No. 57.

The Deposition of *Henry John Kearney*, Esq. in No. 53 of the Appendix.

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Stanmore Parva*.

"*James Brydges*, Esq. Son of the Honourable and Rev. Dr. *Henry Brydges*, Brother to "*James* first Duke of *Chandos*, died *July* 12th, 1789 aged 63 Years."

End of the Second Line of the General Pedigree.

No. 58.

No. 58. Pedigree in the Visitation Book of *Herefordshire*, No. 8 of the Appendix.

No. 59.

No. 59. Copy of the following Monumental Inscription in the Church of *Maidstone*, in *Kent*.

"Death hath added to the Ornaments of this Place the blessed Memorials of the most accom- "plished Gentleman, by Virtue and Parts, Sir *John Astley*, Knight, only Son and Heir of *John* "*Astley*, Esq. Master of the Jewells, &c. who from his tender Years attended on Queen *Elizabeth* "in her Honourable Band of Pensioners, and after was Master of the Revels to King *James* and "King *Charles*. He married *Katherine Bridges*, Daughter of *Anthony Bridges*, Brother to the "Lord *Edmond Bridges*, Baron *Chandos* of *Sudeley Castle*, by whom having had divers Children "they all died before him."

"Ob. 26 Die *Jan.* A. D. 1639.

No. 60.

No. 60. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *All Saints, Maidstone*.

"Burials; *All Saints, Maidstone*, 1636, *July* 15th, *Robert Brydges*, Esq."

No. 61.

No. 61. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *All Saints, Maidstone*.

"Baptized, *All Saints, Maidstone*, 1603, *Edward* and *Ann*, Son and Daughter of *Robert Brydges*, Esq."

"Will of the before named Sir *John Astley*, dated the 3d *January*, 1639, by which he leaves "£. 1000 to his Cousin *Anne*, or *Agnes Brydges*, by whatever Name she be called, Niece to his "Wife Dame *Katherine Astley*."

No. 62.

No. 62. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Feversham*, in *Kent*.

"Married, *Anno* 1627, *June* 18th, *Edward Brydges* and *Katherine Sharpe*."

No. 63.

No. 63. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Ospringe*, in *Kent*.

"*John*, the Son of *Edward Brydges*, baptized the 10th Day of *August* 1629."

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Feversham*.

"Buried 1632, *September* 25th, *John Brydges*."

No. 64.

No. 64. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Ospringe*.

"Baptisms—An Infant Son of *Edward Brydges*, died soon after it was baptized, *November* 18, 1631."

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Feversham*

"Buried 1631, *November* 29th, *Edward Brydges*."

No. 65.

No. 65. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Ospringe*.

"*Robert*, the Son of *Edward Brydges*, baptized *December* 16th, 1632.

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Feversham*.

"Burials, 1632, *December* 23d, *Robert Brydges*.

No. 66.

No. 66. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Ospringe*.

"*John*, the Son of *Edward Brydges* and *Katherine* his Wife, born in *Ospringe*, but baptized in "*Feversham*, in the Liberty which they are, *September* 28, 1634."

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Feversham*.

"Baptized, *Anno* 1634, *September* 28, *John*, S. of *Edward Brydges* and *Katherine*, born in *Ospringe*."

No. 67.

No. 67. Copies of the following Entries in the Registry of Saint *Andrew, Canterbury*.

"*John Bridges*, Son of *John* and *Mary*, was baptized *October* 11*th*, 1680.

"*Edward Bridges*, Son of *John* and *Mary*, was baptized *November* 3, 1682."

"*Thomas Bridges*, Son of *John* and *Mary*, was baptized *March* 10th, 1683."

"*Robert Bridges*, Son of *John* and *Mary*, was baptized *August* 17th, 1685."

No.

No. 68.

No. 68.

Settlement on the Marriage of *John Bridges*, Esq. and *Jane* the Daughter and Heir of *Edward Gibbon* of *Westcliff*, in *Kent*, Esq. dated 20th *August*, 1704.

Another Deed of Settlement of the same Date, by which *Dorothy Coppin*, in consideration of the then intended Marriage between *John Brydges* of *Gray's Inn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Gent. and her Cousin *Jane Gibbon*, conveys the Manor and Mansion House of *Wootton*, in *Kent*, to the Use of the said *John Brydges*, and the Heirs of his Body by said *Jane*, with Remainder to the said *John Brydges*, in Fee.

Deed of Conveyance, dated 10th *March*, 1709, whereby *Thomas Brydges* of the *Middle Temple, London*, Gentleman, conveys to *John Brydges* of *Gray's Inn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq. certain Lands in *Kent*, and therein the said *Thomas Brydges* covenants against the Acts of *Edward Brydges* and *Katherine* his Wife, his late Grandfather and Grandmother.

Copy of Entry of the Registry of Saint *Alphage, Canterbury*.
"*July* 15th, 1712, Mr. *John Bridges*, of *Burgate* buried."

No. 69.

No. 69.

Copy of Entry in the Registry of Saint *Mary Magdalen, Canterbury*.
"*John*, Son of Mr. *John Bridges* and *Jane* his Wife, was baptized *October* 8th 1707."

Copy of Entry in the Registry of Saint *Alphage, Canterbury*.
"*February* 3d, 1709, *John*, the Son of *John* and *Jane Bridges*, of *Burgate*, buried."

No. 70.

No. 70.

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of Saint *Mary Magdalen, Canterbury*.
"*John*, Son of *John Bridges*, Gent. and Anne his Wife, was baptized, *July* 13th, 1710."

N. B. The Name *Anne* is undoubtely a Mistake in the Registry; for by the Office Copy of the Will of *John* the Father, dated the 7th *July*, 1712, and proved in the Consistory Court of *Canterbury*, on the 25th of *July*, 1712, by *Jane* his Widow and Executrix, he devises certain Parts of his Property to his Son *John*, and other Parts to his Son Edward, and appoints his Wife *Jane* Sole Executrix.

In further Confirmation of this, the following Deeds will be produced, *viz.*

A Deed of Settlement, dated the 24th of *July*, 1712, and made between *Susan Garrett* of *Wootton*, in *Kent*, Widow, and Relict of *Robert Garrett*, late Rector of the Parish Church of *Wootton* aforesaid, deceased, and one of the Sisters of *John Coppin*, late of the City of *Canterbury*, Gent. deceased, of the 1st Part, *Thomas Brydges* of the *Middle Temple, London*, Gent. of the 2d Part, and *Edward Brydges*, the youngest Son of *John Brydges*, late of *Gray's Inn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq. deceased, by *Jane* his Wife of the 3d Part, whereby, in Consideration of Love and Affection for the said *Edward Brydges*, and for preserving the Estate after mentioned entire in the Family, where One Moiety or Part thereof hath been already settled and limited by *Dorothy Coppin*, Sister of the said *Susan*, the said *Susan Garrett* settles One Moiety of the Manor, Mansion House, and Estate of *Wootton*, to the Use of herself for Life, with the Remainder to the Use of the said *Edward Brydges*, in Fee.

Another Deed, dated 20th *October*, 1732, between *Jane Brydges* of the City of *Canterbury*, Widow, of the one Part, and *John Brydges* of the same City, Gent. eldest Son of the said *Jane Brydges* of the other Part, whereby the said *Jane* conveys a Piece of Land in *Romney Marsh* to her said Son *John*, in Fee.

Another Deed, dated 5th *February*, 1746, between *John Brydges* of *Wootton*, in the County of *Kent*, Esq. and *Edward Brydges* of the same Place, Esq. the only Sons and Heirs of the Body of *John Brydges* late of the City of *Canterbury*, Esq. by *Jane* his Wife, both deceased, of the first Part, and other Persons therein named of the second and third Part, reciting, that a Fine had been levied by said *John* and *Edward*; they declare that the said Fine shall enure as to one-fourth Part of the Premises, to the Use of *John* in Fee, and as to the other three-fourths to the Use of *Edward* in Fee.

No. 71.

No. 71.

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Wootton*, in *Kent*.
"Burials—*John Brydges*, Esq. (eldest Son of *John Brydges*, Esq. Barrister at Law, by *Jane*, only
"Daughter of *Edward Gibbon*, Esq. of *Westcliffe*, near *Dover*, by *Martha*, Daughter of Sir *John*
"*Roberts*, Knt. which *John Brydges* died in 1712, and was buried in the Church of St. *Alphage*,
"*Canterbury*) of *Wootton Court*, Ætat. 70, *April* 30th, 1780, Batchelor."

Letters of Administration of the Effects of *John Brydges*, granted on the 24th of *January*, 1781, to *Jemima*, the *Widow* and Executrix of his Brother *Edward*.

No. 72.

No. 72. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of St. *Mary Magdalen, Canterbury.*

" *Edward* Son of Mr *John Brydges,* and *Anne* his Wife, was baptized *Jan.* 15th, 1712."

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Wootton.*

" *Edward Brydges,* Esq. Æt. 69. Brother to the late *J. Brydges,* Esq. Lord of the Manor of " *Wootton, Nov.* 26, 1780."

Copy of the following Monumental Inscription in the Church of *Wootton.*

" Near this Place lies interred the Body of *John Brydges,* Esq. who died *April* 22d, 1780, Ætat. 69."

" Also the Body of *Edward Brydges,* Esq. who died *November* 19th, 1780, Æt. 69."

" These two Brothers, after having received a liberal Education, chose a Life of Retirement, " which they passed together, being united not only by a strong Affection, but by an uncommon " Benevolence of Heart, which mutually inclined them daily to promote the Happiness of all around " them. The unfeigned Sorrow which the Inhabitants of this Village, and an extensive Neighbour- " hood discovered at their Death, speaks at once to the Heart their uncommon Virtues, and ren- " ders the Pomp of Epitaph vain and useless."

" *John Brydges* died a Batchelor."

" *Edward Bridges* married *Jemima,* Daughter and Coheir of *William Egerton,* D. D. and has " left her with three Sons and five Daughters to lament his Loss, and revere his beloved Memory."

No. 73.

No. 73. Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of Saint *Bennett's, Paul's Wharf,* in the City of *London.*

" Marriages---*Edward Brydges,* Esq. of *Wootton,* in *Kent,* B. and *Jemima Egerton* of *Lullingston,* " in *Kent,* 3d *March,* 1746-7."

No. 74.

Copy of the following Entry in the Registry of *Wootton.*

No. 74. "*Edward Tymewell,* Son of *Edward Brydges,* Esq. and *Jemima* his Wife, was baptized *June* 18, 1749."

FURTHER

FURTHER APPENDIX

TO THE

CLAIMANT'S CASE.

24 Nov. 1709. INDENTURES between *Thomas Bridges* of the *Middle Temple, London,* of the one Part, and *Mark Thomas* of the other Part, being a Conveyance from the said *Thomas Bridges,* of Houses in *Feversham,* with a Covenant for quiet Enjoyment, against all Persons, *claiming under the said* Thomas Bridges, *or under* John Bridges *his Father, or* Edward Bridges *and* Katheryne *his Wife, Grandfather and Grandmother of the said* Thomas Bridges. ——And also a Covenant on the part of the said *Thomas Bridges,* that he and *John Bridges* his Brother, would levy a Fine of the same Premises, to the said *Mark Thomas* and his Heirs.

Entries in the Registry of *Owre,* in *Kent.*

MARRIED,

1 May, 1640. *William Best* Gent. and *Anne Bridges of Maydstone.*

BAPTIZED,

24 March, 1640. *Asteley,* the Sonne of Mr. *William Best* and *Anne* his Wife.

The following Receipt found at *Wootton,* the Place of the Claimant's Residence.

RECEIVED, *April* 3, 1643, of my Brother, Mr. *Edward Bridges,* the Summe of forty Pounds, due to my Wife, from my Cozen *Hamlynes.*
I say received the Summe of 40*l.*
Per me, WILLIAM BEST.

Register of *St. George, Canterbury.*

28 August, 1646. *Edward Bridges,* Gent. buried *August* 28th, 1646.

1682.

A Map of an Estate in *Kent,* purchased by *John Bridges* of *Daniel Jenkin,* whereon are depicted the *Chandos* Arms and Crest, with the Mark of the Third Branch.

An antient Delineation, on Parchment, of the Family Arms: *viz.* The *Chandos* Arms and Crest, with the Mark of the Third Branch.—Found among the Family Papers of the Claimant.

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17 April, 1713. A General Release from Mrs. *Jane Bridges,* (heretofore *Jane Gibbon*), Widow, and Executrix of *John Bridges,* Esq to the Executrix of Mr. *John Coppin.*——Sealed with the *Chandos* Arms and Crest, with the Mark of the Third Branch.

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PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS
on the 30th Day of MARCH, 1795.

REFERENCES to the Proofs in the printed Minutes of the Evidence already given before the Committee of Privileges, and to those in the Appendix to this Case.

THE Claimant derives his Title, as the Heir Male of the Body of *Anthony Bridges*, Third Son of Sir *John Bridges*, Knight, First Lord *Chandos*, of *Sudeley*, (the Issue Male of *Edmund* and *Charles*, the First and Second Sons having failed), viz. as Son and Heir of *Edward Bridges*, of *Wootton*, Son and Heir of *John Bridges*, of *Canterbury*, Son and Heir of *John Bridges*, also of *Canterbury*, Son and Heir of *Edward Bridges*, of *Faversham*, Son and Heir of *Robert Bridges*, of *Maidstone*, Son and Heir of the said *Anthony*.

In Establishment of these Facts he has already proved,

Will of Sir John Bridges, first Lord Chandos. Printed Min. p. 26. Visitn. of Hereford, 1634. Printed Min. p. 5.

That *John*, the First Lord *Chandos*, had a Third Son *Anthony*, to whom he gave, by his Will, an Annuity of Twenty Pounds, issuing out of his Manors of *Chyselden*, and *Burythorpe*, in *Wiltshire*, and whom he made joint Residuary Legatee with his Brother *Richard*.

That *Anthony* had an only Son, *Robert Bridges*.

Visit. Book, ut supra. Printed Min. p. 5.

And a Daughter, *Katherine*, the Wife of Sir *John Astley*, of the Palace at *Maidstone*, in *Kent*, which Sir *John* died in 1639, and Lady *Astley* in 1648.

[N. B. It appears from the Visitation of *Gloucestershire*, remaining in the Herald's Office, that *Anthony Bridges* had another Daughter, *Elizabeth*, married to *Thomas Brayne*, of *Gloucestershire*.]

Will of Sir John Astley. Printed Min. p. 27. App. No. 75.

That *Robert* had a Daughter *Anne*, or *Agnes*, to whom Sir *John Astley*, by his Will, gives a Legacy in the following Words: —" I give to my Cousin *Ann Bridges*, or *Agnes Brudges*, by whatever name she be called, who is Niece to my Wife Dame *Katherine Astley*, the full Sum of One Thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *England*, to be paid to her at the Time herein after named." And in bequeathing the Furniture of certain Rooms in his House (the Palace at *Maidstone*), he mentions, among others, the Chamber " wherein my said Cousin *Agnes Bridges* did heretofore usually lye."

Printed Min. p. 27.

That " *Robert Bridges*, Esquire," had Two Children baptized at *Maidstone* (where Lady *Astley* lived) by the Names of *Edward* and *Anne*, the 25th of *March*, 1603; and that the said *Robert* was buried there on the 15th of *July*, 1636.

Printed Min. p. 27.

That no Connection between the said *Robert* and any Family at *Maidstone*, is found in the Register there, though it goes regularly back to 1543.

Printed Min. p. 28.

That *Edward Bridges* was Married to *Katherine Sharpe*, at *Faversham*, *June* 18th, 1627.

Printed Min. p. 28.

That Three Sons of the said *Edward* and *Katherine*, by the Names of *John*, *Edward*, and *Robert*, were baptized at the adjoining Parish of *Ospringe*, and dying Infants, were buried at *Faversham*.

Printed Min. p. 28.

That *John*, the Fourth, but only surviving Son of the said *Edward* and *Katherine*, was baptized at *Ospringe*, the 28th *September*, 1634.

Printed Min. p. 29.

That the said *John* lived afterwards at *Canterbury*, and was buried in the Parish of Saint *Andrew* there, 28th *November*, 1699.

Printed Min. p. 40.

That the said *John* bore the *Chandos* Arms, with the Mark of the Third Branch, as appeared by an ancient Atchievement whereon these Arms are impaled with the Arms belonging to the Family of *Ockman*, the Name of his First Wife.

Printed Min. p. 29. Printed Min. p. 43.

That *John*, his eldest Son, was baptized at St. *Andrews*, *Canterbury*, 11th *October* 1680, and that he was admitted a Member of *Gray's Inn*, 16th *May* 1699, by the following Description :--"Johēs Bridges filius

filius natu maximus Johis Bridges de Civitate Cant: Gen: admissus est in Societatem hujus Hospitii sexto die Maii, Anno Dmi 1699.

Printed Min. p. 29. That the last mentioned *John* had Three younger Brothers, *Edward, Thomas,* and *Robert,* and that by a Deed, dated 10th *May,* 1709, *Thomas* covenants against the acts of *Edward Brydges* and *Katherine,* his Grandfather and Grandmother.

Pinted Min. p. 40, 41. That the said *John* bore the arms of the *Chandos* family, with the mark of the Third Branch, and frequently declared that he was of the *Chandos* family.

rinted Min. p. 29, 30, 32. That he married *Jane Gibbon,* Spinster, only Daughter of *Edward Gibbon,* Esquire; and died 1712, leaving Issue by the said *Jane* (who long survived him).

Printed Min. p. 30, 31, 32, 33. Printed Min. p. 39. Two Sons, *John* born 1710, who died unmarried in *April,* 1780; and *Edward,* born in 1712, who married *Jemima,* Daughter and Coheir of *William Egerton,* L.L. D. and by her had Issue, *Edward Tymewell Brydges,* his eldest Son—the present Claimant—Born in 1749, and several other younger Children.

Printed Min. p. 40, 41. That the said *Edward,* the Father, frequently declared that he was of the *Chandos* Family, and that, though he was too young when his Father died, to have that information from him, his Mother told him that his Father had frequently declared that he was of the *Chandos* Family.

Upon having proved these Facts, the Counsel for the Claimant submitted that they had proved, not only that the Claimant was Heir Male of the Body of *Edward Bridges,* of *Faversham,* but that the said *Edward* was Son of *Robert,* of *Maidstone*; and that *Robert* of *Maidstone* was the Son of *Anthony,* the Third Son of *John,* the First Lord *Chandos*; and they suggested that *Anthony,* being slenderly provided for by his Father's Will, had left little or no Property to his Son *Robert,* and that the said *Robert* was therefore induced to continue, if not originally to fix, his residence at *Maidstone,* under the Protection and Countenance of his Sister Lady *Astley,* whose Husband, Sir *John Astley,* was a Person of affluence and rank, and resided in the *Palace* there. That this was the more probable, as no notice of *Robert* can be discovered in those Counties, where the original and principal branches of his Family were settled ;---that it did not seem that he had any Property to transmit to his Son *Edward*; and that *Edward* settled at *Faversham* in consequence of his marriage with *Katherine Sharpe,* who appeared to have been an Heiress of some small landed Property, which has in Part been transmitted to her Posterity, though no Property, nor any Traces of Property have descended to them from the said *Edward,* or his Ancestors.

See Appendix No. 77.

At this Point the Evidence was closed in *February* 1791, and no Opportunity of another hearing occurred till *April* 1794, when the Claimant confirmed the Tradition existing in his own Branch of the Family, by the Evidence of Lady *Caroline Leigh,* and Lady *Katherine Stanhope,* the Sister, and first Cousin of the late Duke of *Chandos,* who have given their Testimony that both the Duke, and Mr. *James Brydges* his Cousin, considered the Claimant as entitled to be their Successor to the Barony in Case they died without Issue Male.

Printed Min. p. 49, 50, 51.

Printed Min. p. 51, 52. At this Time also the Claimant gave in Evidence a Receipt dated in 1643, wherein *William Best* acknowledges to have received from his BROTHER *Edward Bridges,* the Sum of forty Pounds, due to his Wife, from his Cousin *Hamlynes,* and also two several Entries contained in the Duplicate of the Register of *Owre* next *Faversham,* produced from the Archbishop's Office at *Canterbury*.—The first of these Entries is of the Marriage of "*William Best,* Gentleman, with *Anne Bridges,* of *Maidstone,* on the 1st *May,* 1640," the second is of the Baptism of "*Astley,* Son of Mr. *William Best,* and *Anne* his Wife, on 14th *March* 1640-1." This Receipt was proved to have been found among several Miscellaneous Papers in a small Black Box, in Consequence of a very attentive Search made at the House of the Claimant, soon after the former hearing in 1791. The Discovery of the Receipt led to the Knowledge of the Marriage of the said *Anne,* of which the Claimant and his Family had before that Time been Ignorant; it was supposed probable that this Marriage might have taken Place in the Neighbourhood of *Faversham,* and the Duplicate of the Register of *Owre* was discovered upon a Search made at the Office in Consequence of that Supposition.

Printed Min. p. 47. [N. B. The date of this marriage is omitted in the Printed Minutes of the Evidence.]

Printed Min. p. 52.

The Counsel for the Claimant submitted that the Receipt above mentioned, and the Proof from the Archbishop's Registry, amounted to very strong Confirmation of the Claimant's Case, inasmuch as they furnished decisive Evidence that *Edward,* the Ancestor of the Claimant, had a Sister *Anne*; that this *Anne* was of *Maidstone*; and that she was connected with the *ASTLEY* Family. —From which Evidence, coupled with the former Evidence, it seemed to follow, as an almost indisputable Inference, that this *Anne* could be no other Person than the *Anne Bridges* mentioned in the Will of Sir *John Astley,* as the Niece of his Wife, and as Resident in his House, and mentioned in the Register of *Maidstone* as the Daughter of *Robert Bridges,* of that Place, and Twin Sister of *Edward,* and consequently that *Robert Bridges* of *Maidstone* was the Brother of Lady *Astley,* and that *Edward Bridges* of *Faversham,* the Claimant's Ancestor, was the Son of that *Robert,* and Grandson of *Anthony,* the Father of Lady *Astley*.

Printed Min. p. 58.

On the Production of the above Receipt in Evidence, the Lords inspected the several Papers contained in the Box, in which it had been found, and therein discovered a Paper directed as follows:

To my Cozen,
Mrs. Anne Best,
To bee left att
Mr. John, ———
in Faversham
these

The Contents of the said Paper not being legible with the naked Eye, the Counsel for the Claimant have (as they were directed) caused it to be carefully examined. It appears to be a Letter expressed in the following Words:

Appendix. No. 76.

" Cozen Best;"
" I am verie sorrie to be ye bearer off"
" bad newse to you, but my Cozen Gibbons will"
" beare mee witnesse y^t^ I have not spared my "
" endeavours aboute ye affaire you trusted me w^th^."
" Cozen Gibbons has bine along wth mee more then "
" once to ye palace, but my Ladye since shee "
" knowes our businesse, reffuses to see me. Aboute "
" five weekes past, w^h^ is ye laste time I was "
" suffered to talk wth her uppon ye subject, shee spoke"
" in high wrathe of y^r^ imprudence and ungrateful "
" behavour, and sayde moreover y^t^ it was all a"
" wicked planne between you and y^r^ brother to"
" deceive her whoe had alwayse bin as a mother"
" to you, att a time y^r^ poor father had scarce"
" wheere to lay his head. She sayde you would"
" have showne more respect to ye memorie"
" off Sr John, whoe was y^r^ beste ffreinde, by following"
" his advice, then by christeninge y^r^ childe by his"
" name, w^h^ shee calls a paltrye tricke to"
" winne her ffavour. Soe it is a hartie grieffe"
" to mee y^t^ i see no hopes that my Ladye"
" will bee reconciled to you or y^r^ husbande"
" my deare kinsman, whose happinesse as"
" well as y^rs^ I doe most hartily pray ffor."

June 7, 1641.

I remaine, deare Cozen,
Y^r^ sincere kinsman,
JOHN KNATCHBULL.

To
my Cozen
Mrs. Anne Best.
To be left att
Mr. John——
in faversham
these

This

This Letter, thus accidentally discovered in the Possession of the Claimant, establishes the following Facts, namely, that the *Anne Best*, to whom it is addressed, had a Brother; that she had also a Relation, whose Rank and Place of Residence correspond with those of Lady *Astley*; that by her Marriage with *Best*, this Relation was highly offended; that this Relation had been as a Mother to her, because *her poor Father had scarce where to lay his Head*; that Sir *John*, the Husband of this Relation, had been her best Friend, and that she had baptized her Child by his Name.

And these Facts, thus established, correspond in the most minute Manner with the Facts before given in Evidence, relating to *Anne*, whether considered as the Sister of *Edward*, or as the Niece of Lady *Astley*; and therefore they confirm the Inference formerly drawn as to the Identity of her Person: for *Anne*, the Sister of *Edward*, was before proved to be of *Maidstone*, to have married a *William Best*, and to have baptized her Child by the Name of *Astley*: and *Anne*, the Niece of Lady *Astley*, was before proved to have lived with Sir *John* and Lady *Astley* in their House, (the Palace at *Maidstone*) and to have been a considerable Legatee in the Will of Sir *John Astley*. And from this coincidence of Facts, it seems hardly possible to doubt that the *Anne*, who is mentioned in the Register of *Maidstone* as the Daughter of *Robert Bridges* Esquire, and Sister of *Edward*; the *Anne*, who is mentioned in the Will of Sir *John Astley* as the Niece of his Wife; the *Anne Bridges* of *Maidstone*, who is mentioned in the Register of Owre, as the Wife of *William Best*, and the Mother of *Astley Best*; the Person mentioned as the Wife of *William Best* in the Receipt in which he calls *Edward* his BROTHER; and the *Anne Best*, to whom the above Letter is addressed, were one and the same Person; and to answer those several Descriptions, she must have been the Daughter of *Robert*, the only Brother of Lady *Astley*; if she was such, and therefore the Niece of Lady *Astley*, her Brother must have been the Son of *Robert*, and Nephew of Lady *Astley*; and it is submitted that it has now been proved from the Family Papers of the Claimant, coupled with the other Evidence, that *Edward*, the Claimant's Ancestor, was the Brother of this *Anne*, and consequently that *Edward*, the Claimant's Ancestor, must have been the Son of *Robert*, the only Brother of Lady *Astley*, and the Grandson of *Anthony Bridges*, and the Great Grandson of *John*, 1st Lord *Chandos*.

However some Proceedings in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, at *London*, have lately been found, by which it appears, that upon the Death of Lady *Astley* in 1648, Administration of her Effects was granted to *John Bridges*, Son of *Richard*, Brother of *Anthony*, and first Cousin of the Intestate, in a Suit carried on in *London* between him and *Frances Dowager* Countess of *Exeter*, Grand-Daughter of *Edmund*, Lord *Chandos*, elder Brother of *Anthony* and *Richard*; it has also been discovered by an Entry in a Licence-Book, remaining in the Archbishop's Office at *Canterbury*, that *Edward Bridges*, the Ancestor of the Claimant, was living in the Year 1662, although the Claimant being misled by a Deed executed by *John*, the Son of *Edward*, in 1659 to which *Edward*, if living, ought to have been a Party); and by an Entry in the Register of the Parish of *Saint George*, at *Canterbury*, had stated him to have died in the Year 1646. *Edward*, the Nephew of Lady *Astley*, if he were living, and had put in his Claim, was entitled to the Administration of her Effects, in preference to *John*, the Son of *Richard Bridges*; and therefore this Omission furnishes an Argument that *Edward*, the Ancestor of the Claimant, was not the Nephew of Lady *Astley*, or the Son of her Brother.

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But it is material to observe the Time, the Place, and the Manner of these Proceedings. The Suit was carried on in *London* from *May* 1648, to *January* 1648-9, a Time not only of general National Confusion, but of a violent Insurrection in the County of *Kent*, which cut off all Communication between *London* and the Eastern Part of the County.

Clarendon's History of the Rebellion. V. 3, p. 102.—118.
Clarendon's State Papers. V. 2 p. 404.—405.
Newton's History of Maidstone.

The Proceedings appear to contain only the Allegations of the Parties, or their Proctors. *Edward* was no Party to them; nor is any Notice taken in them of any other Relations of the deceased than the litigating Parties, although several were then living of the same Degree of Kindred as the Countess, and one, at least, of the same Degree as *John*; and the Countess could only be induced to prosecute her Claim by a total Ignorance of her Opponent *John*, and his Descent. It is therefore submitted that any Inference which can be drawn from an Omission on the Part of *Edward* to prosecute a Right of such a Nature, under such Circumstances, and at such a Period, is altogether Insufficient to destroy the Effect of the strong positive Evidence by which the Case of the Claimant is supported. It is not *improbable* that this Circumstance of Omission might actually happen, but it is conceived to be altogether and utterly *impossible* that the present Claimant should have been able to prove, by Documents from his own family Writings, and otherwise, the Facts which have been before detailed relative to that *Edward Bridges*, from whom he is certainly descended, and relative to *Anne Best*, unless that *Edward* was really, and in Truth, the Brother of *Anne Best*; unless that *Anne Best* was really, and in Truth, the Niece of Lady *Astley*, and unless that *Edward* and *Anne* were really, and in Truth, the Son and Daughter of a Brother of Lady *Astley*.

Anne Best was certainly the Niece of Lady *Astley*; Lady *Astley* certainly had a Brother of the Name of *Robert*; Lady *Astley*'s Brother *Robert* as certainly had a Son and Daughter of the Names of *Edward* and *Anne*; and it seems Clear to Demonstration, upon the Proofs, that the Claimant's Ancestor *Edward* was Brother to *Anne Best*. That such Proof as has been furnished in this Case could have been furnished by the Claimant as relative to, and actually applying to, *Edward* the Claimant's Ancestor, if *Edward*, the Claimant's Ancestor was not the Brother of *Anne Best*, is altogether incredible; and if he was, he must have been the Son of the Brother of Lady *Astley*.

JOHN SCOTT.
J. S. HARVEY.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX

TO THE

CLAIMANT'S FURTHER CASE.

[Note—the last Number in the former Appendix is 74.

No. 75.

1639, Jan. 3. IN the will of *Sir John Astley* there is this Bequest: "I give to my cozen Anne Bridges, or Agnes Brudges, by what name soever she be called, who is niece to my wife, Dame Katherine, the full sum of 1000*l.* of lawful money of England, to be paid to her at the time herein after limited." Also in bequeathing the furniture of certain rooms in the house (the palace at Maidstone) he mentions, among others, the chamber "wherein my said couzin, Agnes Bridges, did heretofore usually lye."

No. 76.

1641, June 7. Letter from John Knatchbull to his cozen, Mrs. Anne Best, printed in page 3 of the Further Case.

No. 77.

1615, Sept. 14. WILL of John Sharpe, of Faversham, maltster, dated Sept. 14th, and proved Oct. 5th, 1615, whereby he devises to his daughter, at her age of 18 years, all and singular his houses, lands, and tenements, and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten. And for want of such issue, the same to remain unto the children of his two sisters, Margarett and Jertrude, and to their heirs for ever, equally to be divided.

No. 78.

1659, April 7. INDENTURE between John Bridges, of Canterbury, grocer, of the one part, and Samuel Bright, of the same city, grocer, of the other part, whereby the said John Bridges, for the cutting off, discontinuing, barring and destroying all estates tail and contingent remainders, in certain premises in Lynsted, Ludenham, Davington, Murston, and Owre, heretofore the lands of John Sharpe, of Faversham, deceased, grandfather of the said John Bridges, and afterwards of Katherine, daughter of the said John Sharpe, and mother of the said John Bridges, covenants to permit the said Samuel Bright to prosecute a writ of entry sur disseisin in le post, against him the said John Bridges, to which the said John Bridges would appear and vouch to warranty the common vouchee, to the intent that a common recovery might be had of the said premises which is declared to enure to the only proper use and behoof of the said John Bridges, and of his heirs and assigns for ever.

No. 79.

1684, 8th Oct. COUNTERPART of INDENTURE between John Bridges, of the city of Canterbury, grocer, and Mary his wife, and Nicholas Francklyn, of the borough of Staplegate, within the walls of the said

said city, in the county of Kent, tanner, and Margaret his wife (which said Mary and Margaret are two of the daughters of Thomas Young, late of the Parish of Holy Cross, West Gate, near and without the walls of the said city, in the said county of Kent, grocer, deceased) of the one part, and Squire Beverton, the younger, of the city of Canterbury aforesaid, gentleman, of the other part; being a release from the said John Bridges and Mary his wife, and Nicholas Franklyn and Margaret his wife, to the said Squire Beverton and his heirs, of a messuage in Holy Cross, Westgate, devised to Mary and Margaret by the Will of the said Thomas Young, their father, dated the 27th Nov. 1666.

No. 80.

1699. WILL of the above John Bridges, wherein he provides for his three surviving sons, John, Edward, and Thomas, and also leaves an annuity to his sister Mary, wife of Simon Miller.

CASE

OF THE

Rev. *Edward Tymewell Brydges*, Clerk,

CLAIMING THE TITLE AND DIGNITY OF

BARON CHANDOS, OF SUDELEY,

WITH

THE APPENDIXES

THERETO.

PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS
On the 5th Day of May, 1790.

ALSO

THE FURTHER CASE
OF THE CLAIMANT,

WITH AN

APPENDIX

OF

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS
On the 30th Day of March 1795.

COTES & WOODCOCK,
Petitioner's Agents.